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My office is located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

I am the attorney of record for the above-identified patent application. I prepared the above-identified patent application and the parent application, now patented, from which the above-identified patent application is a continuation application, with the assistance of the inventors.

The inventors conceived the claimed invention of the above-identified patent application prior to December 5, 2000, the filing date of U.S. Patent Application 2002/0161855 to Manczak.

I began preparing the above-identified patent application with the assistance of the inventors prior to December 5, 2000.

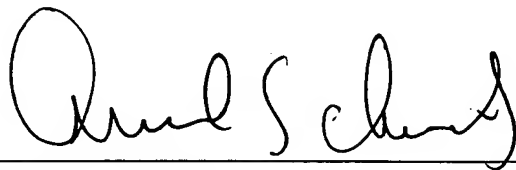
Attached to this Declaration as evidence of the fact that I began preparing the above-identified patent application prior to December 5, 2000, is a copy of the Declaration executed by the inventors on December 4, 2000, and which was filed on December 7, 2000 with the parent patent application in the USPTO, now U.S. Patent 6,671,773, from which the above-identified patent application is a continuation and from which the above-identified patent application claims priority.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United

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